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SUBJ: POLICY GUIDANCE PAPER FOR LIBYA

REF: A) STATE 225424 B) TRIPOLI 1058

1. AGREE WITH DRAFT POLICY GUIDANCE PAPER FOR LIBYA.
IN MY JUDGMENT IT IS TO OUR ADVANTAGE IN DEALING WITH
THIS DIFFICULT GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE OUR ATTEMPTS TO
ESTABLISH SOME MANNER OF WORKING RELATIONSHIP BASED ON
OUR MUTUAL SELF INTERESTS. AS I NOTED IN MORE DETAIL
IN TRIPOLI 1058, WE WILL NEED TO IMPROVE OUR LINES
OF COMMUNICATION WITH LIBYAN LEADERSHIP. PERHAPS THE
MOST USEFUL MECHANISM IN THIS PROCESS WOULD BE AN
EXPLORATORY DIALOGUE WITH LIBYAN POLICY MAKERS. AT
SOME APPROPRIATE FUTURE DATE IN RESPONSE TO THEIR STATED
INTEREST (TRIPOLI 0833 - JUNE 15). PURPOSE OF SUCH AN
EXERCISE WOULD BE TO MORE CLEARLY DEFINE OUR BILATERAL
RELATIONSHIP BY AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT U.S. POLICIES
AND MORE PRECISELY ELICITING LARGE POSITIONS ON THOSE
MATTERS WHICH MOST CONCERN USG.

2. WITH REGARD TO SPECIFIC ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS PARA
THREE REFTTEL, DECISION TO TERMINATE LOCKHEED'S PARTS
AND ASSISTANCE CONTRACTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE WOULD,
I BELIEVE, NECESSARILY RULE OUT PROSPECTS FOR ANY SORT
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OF EXPLORATORY DIALOGUE OR IMPROVEMENT LINES OF

COMMUNICATION. LARG LEADERSHIP WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY
INTERPRET SUCH A MOVE AS USG NEGATIVE ANSWER TO
OVERTURES FOR AN IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS. I WOULD THUS
URGE THAT WE CONTINUE TO HOLD THIS ACTION IN RESERVE AT
LEAST UNTIL WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROCEED A BIT
FURTHER IN DEFINING THE US-LIBYAN RELATIONSHIP.

3. DRAFT POLICY GUIDANCE PAPER WILL BE FORWARDED TO KING IN
SEP 15 POUCH WITH FEW MINOR SUGGESTIONS.
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